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SUBJECT: FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY DURING POHER INTERIM

PRESIDENCY

WE EXPECT THAT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY DURING POHER
INTERIM PRESIDENCY WILL "MARK TIME," NEITHER WEAKENING
ITS RECENT STANDS NOR LAUNCHING NEW INITIATIVES. SENIOR
QUAI OFFICIAL CONFIRMED AS MUCH TO US APRIL 4, NOTING
THAT LUXEMBOURG MINISTERIAL MEETING DEMONSTRATED
MAGNITUDE OF IMPASSE WHICH EC HAS ENCOUNTERED. HE ADDED
THAT PERIOD OF RELATIVE INACTION AND "COOLING OFF"
WOULD BENEFIT INTERNAL EC SITUATION AS WELL AS US-EC
ISSUES. HE CONCLUDED THAT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY
PROBABLY WOULD REMAIN IN "NEUTRAL GEAR" UNTIL NEW FRENCH
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PRESIDENT HAS HAD TIME TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ISSUES

CONFRONTING FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY (E.G., PROBABLY NOT BEFORE JUNE). NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE GOF WILL BE ALERT TO ANY EVIDENCE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO PROFIT FROM FRANCE'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, AND WOULD REACT STRONGLY TO DEFEND FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS.

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